

**Tiverton Library Services  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 6, 2013**

**Trustees/Director Attending:**

**Lee Hoyer**

**Greg Jones**

**Maureen Morrow, Secretary**

**Colin Robinson**

**Jennifer Theroux, Treasurer**

**Ann Grealish-Rust, Director**

**Guests: Gayle Lawrence, Union Library and Kathy Ryan, Friends of the Tiverton Library**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Greg Jones, Trustee, sitting in for Barbara Donnelly.**

**1. The minutes of the January, 2013 meeting were approved after one change of the name of Stuart Horowitz to Stuart Horwitz.**

**2. The Treasurer's Report: The Year-to-date and Monthly reports were reviewed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept Ann's report. This passed unanimously.**

**3. Union Library.** Gayle Lawrence reported that she and Jane Eyler plan to write a grant application to the Champlin Foundation for funding of a new AC unit. Maureen Morrow recommended that they investigate funding sources from the Rhode Island Historical Society, an organization that may lend support to historic buildings. Gayle also reported that the Union Library Association is seeking 501C3 status.

Finally, Gayle reported that Union may cancel its annual August book sale due to lack of a chair coming forward. She reported that this event requires significant planning and physical work and that chairs from past years do not wish to continue. They may advertise locally for a volunteer chair.

**4. Friends of the Tiverton Library (FOTL).** Ann reported that the Friends met to begin planning the June Community Fair and book sale. Kathy Gallagher and Paula Tartaguino are the chairs this year.

The Friends are seeking a place to sort books leading up to this event.

The Shinn Foundation gave the Friends a \$2500 award because of the Friends past efforts to connect with the greater Tiverton community.

The Greater Tiverton Community Chorus donated \$1000 for the new

**library.**

**Planning for the annual walk-a-thon have begun (June 1).**

**The discussion then turned to other community fundraising events that are “in the pipeline”. These include:**

- 1. The Battlefield Band on April 6, 2013 at Sandywoods.**
- 2. TivertonCares, a new town organization, wishes to host a spaghetti dinner with all proceeds going to the new library. Lee gave Maureen the contact information for this group.**
- 3. A kayak event on the Sakonnet River in the summer. A group has formed to plan this.**
- 5. New Building. Lee Hoyer reported that the contract for the pre-construction work by Behan Brothers Construction Management has been signed.**

**He also reported that, at its last meeting, the New Building Committee focused on energy costs and sustainability issues. They reviewed Essex energy consumption with projected consumption at the new building. Lee is preparing a presentation for the Town Budget Committee so that cost projections can be made.**

**Lee reported that he made a presentation to the Town Council in late January, during which he showed the latest renderings of the building, explained that the Town will need to borrow \$7 million**

during the construction phase, and clarified that the building will be turned over to the town at its completion. He reported that his presentation was well-received. The Town Council now needs to pass a resolution sometime in March to fund the borrowing of the \$7 million.

The groundbreaking for the new building is planned for May, 2013. Lee suggested that plans commence for invitees, program, reception, etc. This discussion will continue at the March Trustees meeting.

6. The Foundation. It was reported that Dan Barry's contract has ended. Also, Eileen Browning is the new chair of the Tiverton Library Foundation.

7. Director's Report. Ann provided a written monthly report.

8. Old Business. The library is expected to present its budget to the Town Council on March 21, 2013. To that end, Ann made a written presentation to the Trustees for this budget asking for an increase in the Town appropriation of \$14, 530 over FY 2013, primarily arising from FICA and step increases. A motion was made to accept this budget. This was seconded and it passed unanimously.

9. New Business. Ann reported that the library's long range technology plan for OLIS expires this year. She plans to rewrite this

**with input from the Friends and Union. This plan will consider how meeting space at the new building will be allocated.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Maureen Morrow, Secretary**